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1. ALTHOUGH THE OFFICIAL LINE IN BELGRADE HAS BEEN EXPLICITLY PRO-MPLA AND IMPLICITLY SUPPORTIVE OF SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERVENTIONS, TWO DEVIATIONS FROM OFFICIALLY ENUNCIATED SENTIMENT ON ANGOLA WORTH NOTING.

2. CROATIAN PRESIDENT BLAZEVIC TOLD CONSUL GENERAL AT MEETING ON JAN 19 THAT US POLICY CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ALL INTERVENTIONIST FORCES WAS THE RIGHT ONE. BLAZEVIC'S VAGUELY FORMULATED COMMENT WAS SIMPLY DROPPED INTO THE CONVERSATION WHILE HE WAS COMMENTING ON BROAD ASPECTS OF US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. HE DID NOT FOLLOW UP ON IT.

3. EDITORIAL IN MAIN SKOPJE NEWSPAPER JAN 7 CIRCUMSPECTLY CRITICIZED SOVIET INTERVENTION AND DESCRIBED AS "SOUND" PRESIDENT FORD'S WARNING THAT SOVIETS ARE JEOPARDIZING DETENTE.

4. COMMENT: EVEN TAKEN AT FACE VALUE, THESE STATEMENTS IN OUR VIEW DO NOT FORESHADOW ANY TURNAROUND IN CURRENT GOY
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ANGOLAN POLICY. BUT THEY MAY REFLECT SOME CONTINUING INTERNAL

YUGOSLAV POLICY DIVISIONS THAT WERE EVIDENT IN NOVEMBER'S
QUICK ABOUT-FACE BY FSFA, WHICH AT THAT TIME MAY WELL HAVE
CHANGED ITS TUNE ON NON-INTERVENTION BECAUSE OF
DOMESTIC POLITICAL PRESSURES (SEE REFTELS).
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